

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. – 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A frost-free faucet comprising:

a spigot disposed at a first end of an elongated pipe;

a valve assembly disposed at a second end of said elongated pipe, said valve assembly including a valve member located within a housing, said housing including an inlet portion and an outlet portion, said inlet portion including a fluid inlet and said outlet portion including at least one radial outlet port, and said valve member being rotatably positionable through 90 degrees between a closed position and an open position to selectively enable fluid communication from ~~an~~ said inlet portion to ~~an~~ said outlet portion, said valve member including a first valve element and a second valve element rotatably positionable with respect to said first valve element, said first valve element having a first passageway formed therein which aligns with a second passageway formed in said second valve element when said valve member is in said open position, said second valve element blocking said first passageway when said valve member is in said closed position;[[,]] ~~and~~

a check valve located in said ~~valve~~ housing between said inlet portion and said valve member to selectively disable fluid communication from said outlet portion to said inlet portion; and

an operator including a handle disposed adjacent said spigot and a valve stem extending between said handle and said valve member such that said valve member is rotatably positionable by said operator;

wherein when said valve member is in said open position, said second passageway aligns with said radial outlet port to define a fluid communication path through said first and second valve elements and said radial outlet port downstream along said valve stem toward said spigot.

12. (Original) The frost free faucet of claim 11, wherein said first valve element includes a first disc fixed within said valve housing and said second valve element includes a second disc rotatably positionable relative to said first disc within said valve housing.

13. (Original) The frost free faucet according to claim 12, wherein said valve assembly further includes a armature engaged with said valve assembly to rotate said second disc relative to said first disc.

14. (Original) The frost free faucet according to claim 13, wherein said second disc has a recess formed therein which receives a prong of said armature to rotably couple said armature and said second disc.

15. (Original) The frost free faucet according to claim 13, wherein said armature is engaged with a valve stem, said valve stem driven by a handle.

16. (Original) The frost free faucet according to claim 12, wherein said housing includes a stop member to prevent said second disc from rotating greater than 90 degrees.

17. (Original) The frost free faucet according to claim 12, wherein said second disc is butterfly-shaped and said first disc is round.

18. (Original) The frost free faucet according to claim 11, wherein said check valve further comprises a plunger having a seal formed thereon, said plunger being slidably positionable within said housing between a first position disabling fluid communication between said outlet and said inlet and a second position enabling fluid communication between said inlet and said outlet.

19. (Original) The frost free faucet according to claim 18, wherein said check valve further comprises a spring for allowing said plunger to move between said first position disabling fluid communication between said outlet and said inlet and said second position enabling fluid communication between said inlet and said outlet.